
CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE FOEGE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2015-2016

The William H. Foege Global Health Fellowship Program, endowed by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, was created to honor the global health legacy of Dr. William H. Foege – former Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), first Executive Director of The Carter Center, founder of the Task Force for Global Health, distinguished Presidential scholar at Emory University, Senior Advisor to the Gates Foundation and renowned public health statesman. Recipients of the Fellowship are individuals who have demonstrated their commitment to the vision and passion of Dr. Foege. Given Dr. Foege's seminal leadership in Atlanta's public health organizations and institutions, the Foege Fellowship is particularly committed to developing and nurturing a cadre of public health practitioners who will be leaders in the Atlanta-based organizations that constitute the "public health capital of the world" – CARE, The Carter Center, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, The Rollins School of Public Health (RSPH) of Emory University, and the Task Force for Global Health.

Nominations for the academic year 2015-2016 are due by October 21, 2014.

Nomination Process

CDC is permitted to nominate up to five candidates for the Fellowship. All CDC employees, including Locally Employed Staff, who meet the specified criteria, are eligible for nomination. Please send the nominations via email to Toney Rucker, ruk1@cdc.gov. Please prepare a separate package for each nominee.

Nomination packages for each nominee must include the following:

- A nomination letter for each nominee written by someone in the nominating organization who knows the nominee well. The letter should describe the nominee's leadership attributes; potential for future global health leadership; academic preparation and need for specific further education and training; the current relationship between the nominee and the nominating organization; plans for mentorship and collaboration during the period of the Fellowship; plans for future collaboration after the Fellowship period; and a realistic assessment of the nominee's English language skills, both oral and written, in professional interactions.
- A personal statement, written by the nominee, about his/her plans for the Fellowship and future career. This is a very important component of the nomination package and should contain sufficient detail for the selection committee to understand the motivation and future direction of the nominee and how the Fellowship will contribute specifically to future career plans.
- A current, detailed, curriculum vitae (CV). Please include accurate contact information – mailing address, email address and telephone (work and personal).
- TOEFL or IELTS scores. Individuals selected for the Fellowship must have a TOEFL score of 80 or above on the internet based exam, 213 or above on the computer-based exam, or a score of 550 or above on the paper based exam. IELTS scores must receive a band score of at least 6.0. Official scores must be received before Fellows can be officially admitted to the RSPH. If TOEFL scores are not available at the time of nomination, the nomination letter should include a description of the candidate's abilities in oral and written English as well as a plan for when the nominee will take the exam and when scores will be received. If the nominee has been selected but does not achieve an acceptable score on the TOEFL or IELTS, the nominee may defer admission for a year in order to gain greater English language proficiency and retake the TOEFL or IELTS.
- Graduate Record Exams (GREs). Each selected nominee will be required to take the GRE as part of the official application for admission unless the nominee holds a graduate doctoral degree. We do know that it is sometimes quite difficult for those nominated to take the GRE

because of timing of the exam in a given country. We will discuss options for the GRE with each selected nominee to determine the best strategy to meet the GRE requirement. We do not have a minimum score on the GRE but we do find that GRE scores and success in the MPH program correlate on both verbal and quantitative aspects of the curriculum.

Selection Process

The CDC Selection Committee will meet to review nominations in mid-November 2015. The final decision for CDC nominees will be made by 19 November, 2014.

The Foege Fellowship Selection Committee will meet to review nominations from all of the represented Public Health organizations and institutions in mid-January. The final decision will be made by 30 January 2015. All nominees and those who made the nomination will be informed of the final decision by letter. If selected, the Fellow would begin his/her program at Emory University in mid-August 2015.

Academic Expectations

Each Foege Fellow will be expected to pursue an academic program, typically the MPH degree, as well as participate in professional development opportunities. Fellows pursuing the MPH degree may enroll in a 12 month accelerated program (if they meet admission standards) or in the more traditional 2 year academic program with guidance from the Director of the Foege Fellowship program. The Fellowship will not consider support for doctoral study unless the nominee has first been admitted to a PhD program. Although Foege Fellows are not required to complete a degree, they are required to be enrolled as full-time students throughout the duration of the fellowship. The Fellowship provides funding for travel between the home country and Atlanta, all tuition and fees for the duration of the academic program, health insurance, book and supplies allowance, a stipend of \$2500 per month, funds for professional development in the United States and a laptop computer and printer that is the personal property of each Fellow.

Thank you very much for your assistance in nominating the best candidates for the Foege Fellowships. If you have any questions about the program or the nominating process, please contact Toney Rucker at ruk1@cdc.gov , 404 498 0721.